

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 2-217 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 45/2-217 new)

7 Sec. 2-217. Order for transportation of resident by  
8 ambulance. If a facility orders transportation of a resident of  
9 the facility by ambulance, the facility must maintain a written  
10 record that shows (i) the name of the person who placed the  
11 order for that transportation and (ii) the medical reason for  
12 that transportation. The facility must maintain the record for  
13 a period of at least 3 years after the date of the order for  
14 transportation by ambulance.

15 Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding  
16 Section 6.22 as follows:

17 (210 ILCS 85/6.22 new)

18 Sec. 6.22. Arrangement for transportation of patient by  
19 ambulance.

20 (a) In this Section:

21 "Ambulance service provider" means a Vehicle Service  
22 Provider as defined in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  
23 Systems Act who provides non-emergency transportation  
24 services by ambulance.

25 "Patient" means a person who is transported by an  
26 ambulance service provider.

27 (b) If a hospital arranges for transportation of a patient  
28 of the hospital by ambulance, the hospital must provide the  
29 ambulance service provider, prior to transport, a Physician  
30 Certification Statement formatted and completed in compliance

1 with federal regulations or an equivalent form developed by the  
2 hospital. The Physician Certification Statement or equivalent  
3 form is not required prior to transport if a delay in transport  
4 can be expected to negatively affect the patient outcome.

5 (c) If a hospital is unable to provide a Physician  
6 Certification Statement or equivalent form, then the hospital  
7 shall provide to the patient a written notice and a verbal  
8 explanation of the written notice, which notice must meet all  
9 of the following requirements:

10 (1) The following caption must appear at the beginning  
11 of the notice in at least 14-point type: Notice to Patient  
12 Regarding Non-Emergency Ambulance Services.

13 (2) The notice must contain each of the following  
14 statements in at least 14-point type:

15 (A) The purpose of this notice is to help you make  
16 an informed choice about whether you want to be  
17 transported by ambulance because your medical  
18 condition does not meet medical necessity for  
19 transportation by an ambulance.

20 (B) Your insurance may not cover the charges for  
21 ambulance transportation.

22 (C) You may be responsible for the cost of  
23 ambulance transportation.

24 (D) The estimated cost of ambulance transportation  
25 is \$(amount).

26 (3) The notice must be signed by the patient or by the  
27 patient's authorized representative. A copy shall be given  
28 to the patient and the hospital shall retain a copy.

29 (d) The notice set forth in subsection (c) of this Section  
30 shall not be required if a delay in transport can be expected  
31 to negatively affect the patient outcome.

32 (e) If a patient is physically or mentally unable to sign  
33 the notice described in subsection (c) of this Section and no  
34 authorized representative of the patient is available to sign  
35 the notice on the patient's behalf, the hospital must be able  
36 to provide documentation of the patient's inability to sign the

1 notice and the unavailability of an authorized representative.  
2 In any case described in this subsection (e), the hospital  
3 shall be considered to have met the requirements of subsection  
4 (c) of this Section.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
6 31, 2007.